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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this non-final Action, the Examiner objected to the specification and to claims 5, 12, 13, and 20 for informalities. In response, applicants have amended the specification and the claims in the manner requested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore request that the objections to the specification and the claims as amended be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. patent no. 6,147,573 (Kumagai et al.), and rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. patent no. 6,094,112 (Goldberger et al.) Claims 4 and 6 were objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, applicants have rewritten claim 6 in independent form, and have amended claim 1 to recite that the capacitor body defines an outer surface of the apparatus and that the conductor is printed on the outer surface, as shown in Fig. 1. This amendment clearly distinguishes claim 1 from the applied references, which show conductors defined on internal facets of their disclosed structures. In view of these amendments, applicants request that claims 1 and 4-6 as amended be allowed.

The Examiner's objections and rejections having been properly responded to and overcome, applicants suggest that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the application be reconsidered and thereafter be passed to issue.

Applicants believe the foregoing to be dispositive of all issues in the application. But, if the Examiner should deem that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution, applicants request the Examiner to contact their attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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